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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, WATCH COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: Evaluation of [REDACTED] regarding Soviet Bloc Exercises in Preparation to Strike the "First Blow," and other Matters

Members of the Watch Committee have studied this report and generally evaluate it as follows:

This report is not evaluated as a specific indication of Soviet intent to launch a pre-emptive attack over the Berlin situation. 25X1X4

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[REDACTED] It should also be noted that it actually predicts only that a decision may be made in the near future, "if the situation warrants," whether or not the USSR should launch pre-emptive hostilities in connection with the signing of a German peace treaty. 25X1A9a

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Director